



European Investment Bank (EIB)

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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name: FINANCING FOR POWER NETWORK MODERNISATION
Project Number: 2016-0169
Country: Spain
Project Description: *Financing for the development and modernisation of electricity network infrastructure throughout Spain during the 2016-2018 period.*

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

The project was a typical electricity distribution expansion modernisation project. The project comprised the construction or replacement of power lines with voltage levels up to 132 kV, the development or modernisation of electricity distribution facilities, including substations and transformers, as well as automation, communication or advanced metering equipment.

EIB notes the following key Environmental and Social outcomes at Project Completion.

The project concerned electricity distribution schemes, including power lines with voltage levels up to 132 kV, some of which usually fall under Annex II of the EIA Directive (2011/92/EU) which requires the competent national authority to determine the need for an Environmental Impact Assessment. Given their characteristics, location and potential impacts, and considering the criteria established under the national EIA legislation, none of the Annex II schemes required a full EIA. The promoter has confirmed that none of these schemes required an EIA.

No significant environmental or social issues were noted during project implementation.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion based on reports from the promoter, that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.